



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Takashi Ootawara, et al.                      **Examiner:** Beverly M. Flanagan  
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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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